

STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STD/AIDS PREVENTION BRANCH 3627 Kilauea Avenue, Room 306 Honolulu, Hawaii 96816-2399

In reply, please, refer to:

December 10, 2004

To: All Potential Applicants to RFP No. HTH-121-2-D

Subject: <u>Branch Responses to Questions</u>

In compliance with state procurement guidelines, questions from any potential applicant to an RFP, along with the Branch's response to the questions are shared with all agencies that requested the RFP.

A single question relating to RFP HTH-121-2-D (HIV Prevention Services for Injecting Drug Users and Men Who Have Sex with Men and Inject Drugs) was submitted to the Branch by December 3, 2004, the deadline for the submission of questions:

Applicant Question: [Agency A] is interested in providing the requested services, and in subcontracting with both [Agency B] and [Agency C] to provide the drug treatment services. Buprenorphine has emerged as a relatively new treatment for opiate dependency and [Agency B] is interested in proposing to provide this treatment in addition to methadone and ORLAAM treatment. Buprenorphine treatment for eligible individuals can require attending the clinic site only once per month and may be particularly helpful to people living in rural areas. May we propose providing Buprenorphine treatment, which was not mentioned in RFP No. HTH-121-2-D, and could this be considered for inclusion in the contracted services?

Branch Response: Yes. You may propose provision of buprenorphine as part of your response to RFP No. HTH-121-2-D. Please include estimate of potential numbers of recipients and for what time period. Please also include a complete overview of all applicable costs related to providing buprenorphine in your proposal. This additional information will be considered when reviewing all the proposals in response to this RFP.

While no further questions about the content, intent, or interpretation of the RFP may be answered at this point, other inquires may be directed to me by phone (808-733-9281), or by e-mail (tjmccorm@camhmis.health.state.hi.us).

Sincerely,

STD/AIDS Prevention Branch